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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to Figures 1-4 with claims 1, 3, 4 and 7 being readable thereon. It is Applicant's position that claim 1 is generic as it reads on each of the embodiments.

Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.